

**April  
2024**

# Brookfield Occasional

*Brookfield Heritage Neighborhood Association Newsletter*

## BHNA Officers

**President:**

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136 Oakland  
2022-2025

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274 Oakland  
2022-2025

**Treasurer:**

Alice Schehr  
155 Oakland  
2021-2024

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1715 Roseland  
2021-2024

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164 Maplewood  
2023-2026

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131 Oakland  
2021-2024

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1645 Roseland  
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252 Oakland  
2023- 2026

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## Neighborhood Picnic & Annual Meeting – 9/08/24

Our Association’s constitution calls for an annual meeting. In addition to the order of business, the gathering is an opportunity to introduce new and long-term residents to one another.

Traditionally this annual meeting has been held the Sunday after Labor Day. In addition to being a required meeting, the gathering is a family affair. A neighborhood picnic in the street with shared food, conversation, entertainment, and activities for all ages.

The final order of business of the annual meeting is the election of three new board members for three-year terms. Per the BHNA constitution, notice of the annual meeting will be mailed to all neighbors at least two (2) weeks in advance. In addition, meeting reminders will be posted to our website and our Facebook page.

Please put this meeting date on your calendars.

## Renewing Our Covenant

The board of the Brookfield Heritage Neighborhood Association is pleased to announce that the Brookfield Subdivision covenants have been renewed for another 25 years as of March 18th, 2024.

The individual consents, as well as the cumulative list of signatories, have been recorded by the register of deeds for Ingham County. This has been a long process which started in 2019 and which was then stopped by the Covid epidemic.

Thanks for help along the way should go to those neighbors who were part of the 1999 renewal who shared their experience, to the neighbors who hosted signing parties for the renewal that was attempted in 2019 and a special thanks should go to Alice Schehr who became a notary so she could go door to door to obtain the final needed

consents. Most of all, thanks should go to the property owners of the Brookfield Subdivision who recognized the importance of continuing the restrictions.

The covenant may be unfamiliar to new neighbors. For more information about the covenant and the renewal process contact: John Hays at: pat-johnhays@att.net

### Did You Know???

Our neighborhood is one of 20 rental restriction overlay districts in East Lansing. Ordinance 1082 established our neighborhood as a R-O-3 district. R-O-3 prohibits the issuance of any new rental licenses (since the effective date of ordinance 1082) except for a Class I rental license.

## ANNUAL DUES

Friendly reminder, BHNA annual dues were due in September 2023. If you did not pay your dues last year, please mail your check to Alice Schehr, (Treasurer) **OR** deliver check/cash directly to her at 155 Oakland Drive.

Dues are now \$25 per household (voted on at the September picnic/meeting). Your dues support costs for replacement trees along our streets, our website, neighborhood meetings, mailings, and the newsletter. Make your check out to BHNA!

## Garden Walk 2024

The BHNA board would like to thank all the neighborhood gardeners for their participation in last year’s garden walk. If you are interested in participating in this year’s walk, please contact a member of the Board. All neighbors and gardens are welcome! Stay tuned for updates.



### New to Brookfield?

Learn about our neighborhood history at <http://tinyurl.com/lSz8l2d>

by Mike Benedict



Visit our **Little Free Library** at 165 Oakland Drive. A great place to leave a book OR take a book.

Contact Jennifer Castner for info: [pennifer@gmail.com](mailto:pennifer@gmail.com).

### Our Mission:

*The BHNA's mission:*

- To preserve the neighborhood's unique treescape and environment – your dues help pay to replace trees along our streets!
- To promote the safety of the neighborhood.
- To foster community through annual picnics and social events
- To protect the single-family character of the area through representation in city government.

## NEW: BHNA Social Committee

At the January 28<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, the Board agreed that there is a need to activate a social committee to encourage interaction among Association members through neighborhood events. This committee would be charged with planning and executing events like the winter solstice luminaries, the neighborhood picnic, the garden walk, and outreach activities.

If you would be interested in serving on the BHNA social committee, please email the board at: [board@brookfieldneighborhood.net](mailto:board@brookfieldneighborhood.net).

## Other News...

### HAGADORN ROAD DIET

**UPDATE** – The following update was provided by Stephen Clayton, CoEL Engineering Administrator, [sclayton@cityofeastlansing.com](mailto:sclayton@cityofeastlansing.com), regarding the upcoming Hagadorn project, and potential traffic calming measures during the construction:

"The construction will take place during the summer, presumably a lower traffic season. The project does not have a start date yet but no sooner than June 10th. The project will take 6-8 weeks to complete.

If the project begins and there is a noticeable increase in cut through traffic/speeding, the City can set out a radar sign along a cut through route. We could look at other alternatives at that time as well."

There has been lots of concern about increased traffic flying through the neighborhood.

In the absence of sidewalks, walkers should remember to walk *against* traffic to keep oncoming vehicles in their field of vision. The general rule is walk against traffic, cycle with traffic.

Stay tuned and stay safe!

### CITY NEWS



Residents can stay up-to-date on East Lansing news and events by signing up for the Dialog E-Newsletter and the East Lansing City Council Meeting Recaps. Sign up at: [www.cityofeastlansing.com/eNews](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/eNews)

## WANTED: New Board Members!

There will be three seats available for three-year terms beginning October 2024. Alice Schehr, Steve Beckman and Gail Lytle Lira's terms are ending. The new board members will be elected at the September annual meeting. This is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors and to support our neighborhood. If you are interested in being nominated please email the board: [board@brookfieldneighborhood.net](mailto:board@brookfieldneighborhood.net) or feel free to reach out to any of the current officers.



New to Brookfield? Please join our neighborhood website: [www.brookfieldneighborhood.net](http://www.brookfieldneighborhood.net) and our neighborhood Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/groups/brookfieldneighborhood/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/brookfieldneighborhood/)

Join us to share news and information, participate in governance of our neighborhood association, or just share pretty pictures and have fun with neighbors.

### THE TREES

Our silver maples add character to our neighborhood. We've been fortunate to have a tree ambassador, Pat Robinson, who monitors the health of our tree, purchases trees and communicates with neighbors about newly planted trees. At the January 28<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, the Board agreed that there is a need to activate an environment committee.

This committee will continue Pat's work on ensuring Brookfield's treescape. If you would be interested in serving on the BHNA environment committee, please email the board at: [board@brookfieldneighborhood.net](mailto:board@brookfieldneighborhood.net)